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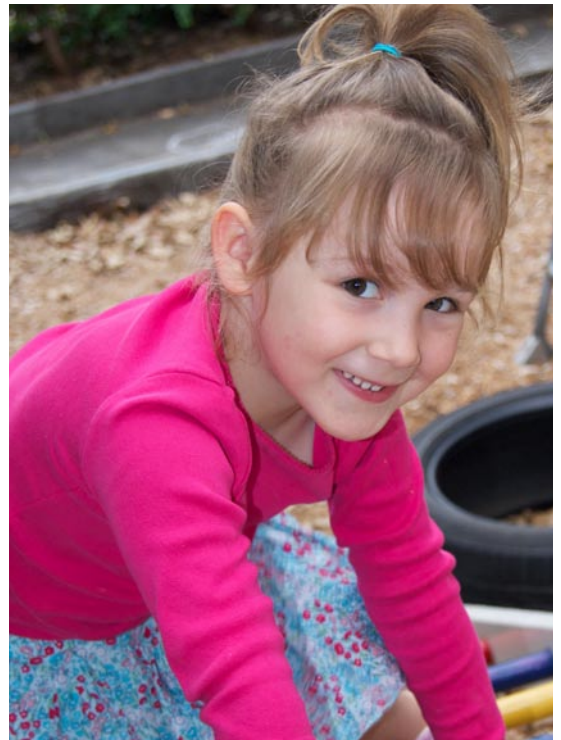
Donvale preschool

learning to grow

As I sat in my house this week with not one, but two sick children - me, going quietly crazy, them barking like dogs, I wondered how many other kinder families were going through the same thing, because, it is, as they say "that time of year". And then Jackie hands me the following article for the newsletter, and I thought "obviously not just me then..."

Illness

From time to time all children may be unwell. Please keep at home children with a temperature, those who have had vomiting or diarrhea for at least 24 hours after their last bout, children with unstable asthma or if it is worsening, or those that are unwell or with stomach aches. Changing your child care arrangements for the day can be a challenge, but small children are excellent at sharing bugs of all kinds and may pass them on to family members like small babies, pregnant woman or people with impaired immune systems. We appreciate your thoughtfulness in this matter.



that's the cheekiest smile Samantha!

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The children are now very comfortable within the group and their confidence with each other and the activities provided is increasing each session. Everyone was very happy to be back at kinder and looking forward to another term of fun and learning.

Friend Bear is a big hit with children and they are to be congratulated on their patience in waiting for their turn to come around. Thank you to the parents for the enthusiasm shown in completing the work

book. It looks fantastic! The children love looking through it and finding their photos and drawings. Even the shy children are happy to share their experiences with the other children which helps build confidence and self-esteem.

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Keith from the "Drumclub" visited late in the term and conducted rhythm and listening workshops with the children using a variety of African drums. As usual the children were totally focused and really enjoyed playing the drums fast, slow, loudly and softly.

It was very pleasing to be complimented on the excellent behaviour and participation of the children who listened well and joined in everything with great enthusiasm.

For the last 2 sessions of the term we had total outside play because the weather was so beautiful. Many of the indoor activities were brought outside where we were able to make the most of the fresh air and lovely sunshine. The children had a great time climbing, riding the bikes, jumping on the mini trampoline, balancing, digging in the dirt and sandpit, walking on stilts and playing with the wheelie toys. Because of the weather, outdoor time is often limited so when the opportunity comes to really embrace the outdoors and practise our gross motor skills, we do!



Footy dress up days were also held during the last 2 sessions as a bit of fun at the end of term. Thanks parents for dressing the children appropriately, we had many different teams represented. Snack time was also fun with the children sharing cocktail frankfurts and on Friday we had fairy bread and donuts as well to celebrate Josh's birthday.

A busy few weeks coming up with kinder photos and visits to the Tintern farm.

Helen, Ann & Jeanine

Welcome back all we hope you had restful and fun holidays and are ready for a bumper term 3!

Term two flew by with lots and lots of fun and learning. Many ideas came out of our emergent programming with the children such as pirate treasure hunts, babies, winter, colour mixing, science experiments, pet shops and of course box construction.

4's

Jackie and I were also able to do some formal testing on the children with checklists to find out where the children are at developmentally.

These checklists and term reviews are in the children's portfolios, so if you would like to have a look at your child's portfolio, please feel free they are shaping up really well.

term. We have many from last term. We will be construction will continue. We will finish off reading our photo books and start on the holiday home work. Begin our chef for a day program. Show and tell will start up, and of course we will be celebrating father's day in September. The children will also begin signing themselves in and out. As well as lots of other spontaneous learning experiences.

We have some important dates for you to mark down in your Calendar.

Due to the nature of our rotational program session times will need to be altered for some of these events. We hope that it doesn't inconvenience you too much - we can assure you the benefits of these experiences are huge to the children.

Keep warm,

*Sue, Jackie,
Ann & Jane*

Now, term three is shaping up to be a very busy and exciting new experiences planned and some to continue on continuing our sensory exploration of mud! Box

Tues 26th July - REPTILE SHOW

8:30 – 11AM Wombats, Kangaroos Bilbys

11:15 – 1:15 Emu's and Koalas.

Tues 9th August - KINDER PHOTO'S

8:30 – 11:30 Wombats, Kangaroos Bilbys

11:15 – 11:30 group photo

11:15 – 2:00 Emus and Koalas.

Wed 17th August - BOX HILL HOSPITAL

Koalas, Bilbys, Emus

Tuesday 23rd August - No Kinder today

Wed 24th August - BOX HILL HOSPITAL

Wombats and Kangaroos

Fri 23rd September - Staff conference day

NO KINDER THIS DAY! (LAST DAY OF TERM)

More information on each specific event will be handed out closer to each date.



Show and Tell - 4 Year old kinder

Show and tell will be commencing with the 4 year old groups shortly. If your child brings home a show and tell bag please help them to bring it back to kinder the next session, with a few items inside to show and talk about. Very precious items, may not be suitable (use your own discretion) all care is taken – but no responsibility accepted.

School enrolments

Now is your time to be visiting local schools to make your choice over which school to enroll your child in. Please be aware that in Victoria children do not have to attend school until the year that they turn 6 years old, and even then a school exemption can be sought

if the child is enrolled in a suitable early childhood program. Children do not come with instruction manuals, nor do they all develop at the same rates in all areas. Personality may also affect a child's readiness for more formal learning in a school setting. If you would like to discuss your child's school readiness please make a time to talk to Jackie or Sue.

Child Progress Interviews - 4 year old kinder



We will be having parent teacher interviews during the week of Monday 25th July to Friday 29th July, this will give you the opportunity to meet with staff to discuss your child's progress and any concerns you or the staff may have. Notices have been sent home regarding this; please return them to kinder ASAP, so times may be allocated.



duty rosters

We really appreciate having parents (or grandparents etc) come along to be a part of our preschool program. If you have a special skill or talent that you would like to share that would be wonderful – please speak to staff to arrange a suitable time.

All parents are welcome to come and be part of their child's preschool experience. You may choose to spend time with your child, or if you prefer a special job please let us know.

Duty rosters for the current term are up on the notice board in the foyer and for remaining terms of the year- attached to the back cover of the sign in and out book. Please don't let your child miss out on the fun of having you come to kinder.

We also need helpers to maintain our children's smocks and dress ups by washing them. If you are ever able to help us out, just let us know.

Snacks

We would like to remind parents that due to allergies we ask that children do not come to kinder with any foods that contain nuts of any kind (e.g. peanuts, cashews, almonds etc) Please check any packaging as manufacturers may change recipes from time to time. Please do not send peanut butter or nutella (they both contain nuts). Please make sure that your child's drink bottle contains water – if they don't already drink water now is the time to learn.



**4 Year Old Kinder and the
main elements of the
National Early Years
Learning and Development
Framework**

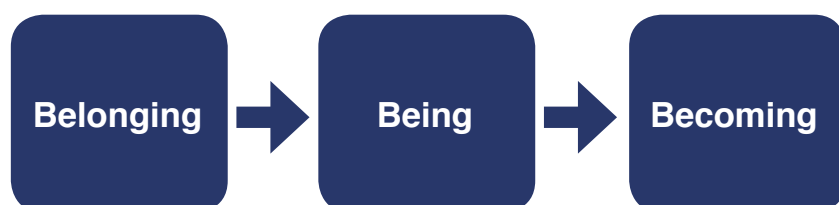
Belonging at kinder is
about building *relationships*
and *feeling secure*



Being at kinder is about exploring and taking risks.



Becoming at kinder is about gaining new
confidence in doing things and
developing independence. There is
never a dull moment in our busy room
and you can see we are having so much
fun growing and learning.





Happy Birthday to you & you & you

~ 3 year olds

july

Joshua	1/7/07
Malcolm	3/7/07
Tom	5/7/07
Claudia	28/7/07
Archie	29/7/07

august

Sarah	14/8/07
Amarli	16/8/07

september

Peter	7/9/07
Nathan	9/9/07
Noah	13/9/07
Chantal	20/9/07
Lara	21/9/07
Jade	24/9/07

~ 4 year olds

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Amelia Ronchi	12/07/06
Astrid Harkin	25/07/06
Hamish Warner	16/07/06
Isabella Bonello	20/07/06
Jaimi Cook	11/07/06

august

Grace Saxton	03/08/06
Maisie Shimmin	26/08/06
Orlando Franklin	04/08/06
Sofia Marchionno	17/08/06

september

Alessio Guerra	29/09/06
Charles Mercuri	17/09/06
Luca Orsini	04/09/06
Samantha Spencer	29/09/06

lost - 1 puffy vest

Hello all, Lucas has lost his puffy vest at kinder. Could everyone please have a quick check of their bags to see whether it's come home with you by mistake. Thanks

Got something you think should be in the next issue? Great, I need all the help I can get!! Send me stuff at nikki@gravitydesignstudio.com.au See you next month. Cheers, Nikki Healy



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